PUBLIC WORKS.

(*Nos. 128 to 132.*)

SUBJECT No. 128.

Hot weather supply of water to the channels of certain Rivers.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Venkatasubbiah and Sambu Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Messrs. G. Narasimachar, Mysore District Board; Puttanna and Venkataramana Setti, T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) A hot weather supply of water may be given to the channels of the Cauvery, Hemavathi, Yagachi and Lakshmana-Tirtha for raising manurial crops during the months of March and April. This has repeatedly been represented every year and the Chief Engineer has been promising that the prayer will be complied with whereas in fact it is not.

Mr. G. Narasimhachar.—Ramaswami, Hulhalli and Rajaparameswari channels should be given water during the hot weather.

Mr. Cadambi, Chief Engineer.—Regarding Rampur and other channels, orders have issued to supply water during the hot weather. As regards the Hulhalli channel, unless the Krishnarajasagara works are completed, it is not possible to give water in the channel.

Reply of Government.—If there is sufficient water during hot weather, all the channels will get water. We will give a hot-weather supply in the first class channels next year.

SUBJECT No. 129.

Regulation of water-supply in tanks.

Messrs. C. Venkataramaiya and G. Padmarajiah, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is no proper arrangement for the regulation of water-supply in tanks. If pipes are provided, both to the channels and the "Modaboys" as in the case of river channels, the supply of water can be regulated.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration in the Revenue Department and experiments will be made in some of the tanks.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Extension of South Channel of the Sriramadevaru Dam.

Mr. B. Anantharamaiyengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—For the improvement work of this channel an amount of Rs. 57,000 has been expended without any benefit either to the Government or to the holders of land below it. In spite of such heavy outlay, the supply of water is as insufficient as it was before. If the deepening of the channel is carried out as per sanctioned "discharge statement" and the water properly controlled by providing suitable "Modaboys" and the channel extended to a certain distance, it will be profitable both to the Government and the ryots.

Reply of Government.—Extension is not possible.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Proportionate distribution of expenditure on original works by the Public Works Department.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundaiya, A. Narayanaiengar, Hassan Municipality; H. V. Rangasami, B. Alasingrachar, Hassan Taluk; S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Asso-

Mr. H. V. Rangasami.—Expenditure on works carried on by the Public Works Department in the districts may be distributed in proportion to the revenue of the districts.

Mr. Ananthiah opposed the proposal.

Reply of Government.—If the proposal is accepted, some districts which are poor will not get anything at all.

ciation; H. Thimmappaiya, D. Nanjegowda, B. Basavegowda, Manjarabad Taluk; Dasappa Marulu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk; M. Chowdaiya, Hassan District Board; B. Ananthakesavachar, H. Narasimhachar, Belur Taluk; B. Anantharamiengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk; A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

Distribution in proportion to the revenue is not just and it is dangerous policy. If a special grant is required for the Hassan District, Government will consider. This general proposition cannot be accepted. Allotments will be made according to the requirement of each district and as far as possible an equitable distribution will be attempted.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Revision of the schedule of rates allowed for Public Works.

Messrs. B. Srinivasiengar, Hutcheerappa, and Dhalappa, Anekal Taluk; B. V. Rangiah Setti, French Rocks Sub-taluk and T. G. Nagappa, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The rates allowed by the Public Works Department for several items of work have become inadequate on account of the rise in the prices of materials. It is therefore requested that they may be enhanced by at least 25 per cent.

Dewan.—An order has issued temporarily raising the rates.

Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.—We want to know how the schedule of rates is revised.

Mr. K. R. Srinivasiengar, Revenue Commissioner explaining the Order said that rates would not be permanently fixed until normal conditions return. Till then rates will be fixed in each case as circumstances require.

The members wanted the same rates to be allowed for District Board works.

Reply of Government.—A circular will issue to District Boards communicating the new rates of the Public Works Department. The Boards may adopt them, if they like.

RAILWAYS.

(Nos. 133 to 135.)

SUBJECT No. 133.

Introduction of Intermediate class carriages.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Intermediate class carriages may be introduced on the State Railways.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao.—Intermediate carriages should be introduced on the Mysore State Railways as many passengers suffer for want of proper accommodation.

Second Member.—On practically no line in Southern India are intermediate carriages found paying. They cost as much to construct as second class carriages and bring less.

Mr. Ramaswamy Sastry.—On many occasions, people are forced into goods waggons for want of space in the carriages. This should be discontinued.

Dewan.—Instances may be brought to notice. Do the members agree to the conversion of a third class carriage with some cushions into a carriage of the Intermediate class?

The members agreed.

Reply of Government.—This is noted. The Railway Secretary will take suitable action on it.